

SMALL SCHOONER HAS A ROUGH TIME

Many Desertions from the Warships at Norfolk.

LADY ASSISTANT TO PASTOR

Dr. Chiles, Charged With Malpractice, is Bailed—Petition for Cole.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 16.—The schooner Richard Cromwell, Captain Jones, bound from New York for Baltimore with a cargo of plaster, has come into Hampton Roads for harbor. She is a little craft of 112 tons, and for four hours during the recent fierce gale ran nine miles an hour with only her foresail set, and the waves keeping her constantly submerged. For a time during the snowfall it appeared as though she would have to continue toward Hatteras, as it appeared to be impossible to make out the entrance to the Chesapeake. Some of the negro crew were terrified, and one from Baltimore, when it appeared that they could safely round Cape Charles, said: "Thank the Lord, the old Cromwell is going to carry us in the Cape alive." The passage was among the most perilous ever told of here. Thomas B. Webster, of Baltimore, is managing owner of the Cromwell.

MANY DESERTERS.
Many desertions are occurring among the enlisted sailors on the warships at the navy-yard. Every day there are from four to six deserters and stragglers picked up by the police and returned aboard of their ships. Others elude the local authorities completely, and make their escape from these parts. When this happens the authorities in the home towns of deserters are notified to keep watch, and when the men are apprehended, they are returned here for punishment.

DR. CHILES BAILED.
Dr. Luther R. Chiles, aged 68 years, charged with criminal malpractice on Miss Sarah Atkinson, now ill in the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, suffering from peritonitis, following an alleged operation, was today admitted to bail by Judge Hancock, of the Corporation Court, in the sum of \$10,000 with seven persons as joint sureties for the accused's appearance in court at its December term. The doctor, feeble in health and barely able to walk from the city jail to the courtroom, was brought into court by the sergeant, with his son supporting him. He took a seat by friends and appeared nervous during the proceedings following the application for bail made by his attorneys, Judge D. Tucker Brooke and James P. Dineen.

Chief of Police Boush stated that Dr. Doughty, Miss Atkinson's attending physician, had announced this morning that the young woman's temperature was higher, her pulse lighter, with a general improvement over yesterday, but that

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He was still seriously ill and it could not be said that she would recover.

PETITION FOR COLE.
Friends in Norfolk of Charles P. Cole, who pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with the embezzlement of \$1,200 from the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, of which he was treasurer in this city, and who was given one year in the penitentiary, are preparing a petition for Governor Montague for a full pardon for the young prisoner, who began his sentence in State's prison at Richmond on November 1st.

SCHOOL FOR COURTLAND.
The town of Courtland, Southampton county, will build a modern school-house to cost \$10,000 and a committee was here today inspecting Norfolk's schools to obtain ideas that will assist it in determining upon the plan.

ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR.
The growth of the congregation and Sunday-school of the First Baptist Church, Norfolk, are such that an assistant to the pastor and Sunday-school superintendent is required and Miss Gertrude Richards, daughter of Rev. N. Richards, of Park Place, has been appointed to fill the position. She has begun her duties, which will be to assist the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, in his visitations and look after absent Sunday-school scholars.

MASONS ADJOURN.

Reunion Meetings End After Four Days of Work.

The Masonic reunion, which has been in session here since Monday, adjourned last night, having completed its labors. Beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the conferees conferred the duty of first and thirty-second degrees. The session closed with a supper at 10 o'clock, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The officers in charge of the reunion arrangements were O. A. Hawkins, James J. Sutton, E. D. Hotchkiss, Hay T. Thornton.

The Richmond lodges of the Scottish Rite are Libertas Lodge of Instruction, No. 5; Pelican Chapter, Knights of Rosa Croix, No. 2; St. Omar Council, No. 4, and Delphi Consistory.

AT LEAST KNOW HOW CANAL IS TO BE DUG

Commission Won't Talk, But Gives Out That It Has Determined On Plan.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Although the full board was not in session today, the subcommittee of the consulting board of Engineers of the Isthmian Canal Commission, formed for the special study of the sea-level and lock-canal projects, held short sessions to discuss small details of the work, which came up on Wednesday's full session of the board. The full board will meet tomorrow, and it is expected that it will finish its work some time Saturday.

The most important question in regard to the digging of the canal was taken up last Tuesday afternoon. In speaking of that meeting, one of the members said today: "We have pledged ourselves not to give away any of the decisions of the board, and I cannot tell you accordingly how the canal is going to be built. I may state, however, that the most important questions on the whole proceeding has been settled. It was settled that the voting be oral, and that the votes of the members should be recorded in the proceedings of the board. Chairman Davis was the last to vote, and it was found that the main question as to building the canal was settled by an overwhelming majority."

BROTHERS DIE IN QUICK SUCCESSION

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employ of Herman Schmidt, the Broad Street grocer.

Here Many Years.

Mr. Priddy came to this city some thirty years ago and had resided in the city continuously up to the time of his death. He was a man of genial manners, and was quite popular among all who knew him. He was a born merchant, and not only made a success of his own business, but when he retired his services were at once in demand.

Mr. Priddy was a member in the Second Presbyterian Church, and was a devout Christian.

The funeral will take place from that church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and the interment will be in Hollywood.

It was the wish of Mr. Priddy that there shall be no flowers.

The following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers: Messrs. James Lewis Anderson, Oscar Swinford, E. Harvie Spence, J. A. Griggs, S. S. P. Patterson, John B. Gilman and Edward Schmidt.

One Year Older.

Mr. John Priddy was just one year older than his brother, having been fifty-eight years of age.

He died of a complication of diseases, though he had been confined to the hospital only a few weeks. Mr. Priddy owned and resided at the old family homestead, near Hanover Courthouse, though his business was in this city.

He had been employed at the Locomotive Works for many years, having gone there when the plant was owned by the old firm of Tanner and Deane.

His wife died some years ago, and he is survived by his mother, the son and brothers referred to above.

The remains of Mr. Priddy will be taken to Hanover Courthouse on the 2 o'clock Chesapeake and Ohio train tomorrow, and the interment will be at Lebanon M. E. Church, near there.

The Messrs. Priddy were sons of the late Joseph T. Priddy, of Hanover, and the family is an old and highly respected one in this section of the State.

The case is one of the saddest that has occurred here in many years, and the family of the dead men have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

2,000 COTTON BALES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Spark From Switch Engine Starts a Disastrous Blaze in Columbus, Ga.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, Ga., Nov. 16.—More than two thousand bales of cotton were destroyed, about 1,000 bales badly scorched and several hundred bales damaged by fire which started on the grounds used today by the Central of Georgia Railway Company and the Atlantic Commerce Company today. The fire started from a spark from a switch engine, about 12:30 this afternoon, and it soon burned, although under control, at 7 o'clock this evening. The total loss is placed at not less than \$100,000, fully insured. The cotton was in an open space near the roundhouse of the Central of Georgia Railway, and the fire, which started from some dried grass by a locomotive spark, quickly spread to the cotton. A string of wind made the work of the fire department especially difficult, but the department succeeded in controlling the spread of the fire to between 10,000 and 17,000 bales which were on the ground nearby. Human Company, of Augusta, were the principal losers. Other losers were W. E. Brothers, 100 bales; J. B. Holst, 25 bales; J. Manan, Akers & Human, of Atlanta, between 100 and 200 bales.

YOUR "UNCLE JOE" VERY SANGUINE

Doesn't Think Any Sort of Revenue Legislation Will Be Necessary.

"LOOK AT BALANCE SHEETS"

Speaker Has Tariff Talk With President and Says He is Yet a "Stand-Patter."

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 16.—Among the subjects discussed by the President with some of his callers today was the probable condition of the treasury at the end of the current fiscal year. It is the consensus of opinion among senators and representatives who have talked to the President about the matter that the deficit in the treasury this year, if any at all should appear, will be small. They point to the increased revenues of the treasury during the past three or four months as an indication, despite the somewhat increased expenditures, that no alarming deficit is likely. A small deficit would cause no apprehension in the minds of congressmen, but many of them believe now that practically no deficit will be shown at the end of the year.

Speaker Cannon had a conference with the President today. The nature of their talk he did not disclose. On the tariff revision question Mr. Cannon indicated that he yet is a stand-patter. "If," said he, "a tariff bill should be brought under consideration, and we should proceed for twelve months or so with its discussion, and then its friends should command the votes necessary to enact it into law, and then the business interests should succeed in adjusting themselves to the new conditions, it probably would be found that the new measure contained as many 'outrages' and 'injustices' as the present law contains."

"I don't think any sort of revenue legislation will be necessary at the approaching session to provide for a possible deficit in the treasury?"

"Look at the balance sheets of the treasury," replied Mr. Cannon. "Look at the balance sheets. They tell the story; they answer your question. We have a pretty comfortable surplus, don't you think?"

ANNEXATION IN JUDGES HANDS

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will be the case proper, and it looks now as though the next Legislature will have no opportunity to remedy any defects in the Anderson annexation law unless Judge Garnett renders a decision favoring the demurrers.

The Henrico Board of Supervisors demur to the ordinance as passed by the City Council of Richmond, providing for annexation of the ground that the statute under which the ordinance was passed confers legislative functions upon the judiciary.

Mrs. James H. Dooley, of Henrico, in her demurrer, cites the fact that she will be taxed to a great extent by the annexation, and that she will reap no benefits from the proposed ordinance which will make her property a part of Richmond. She alleges that the topography of her land will not permit of civic improvements.

But, further in this demurrer of Mrs. Dooley's, it is claimed that the statute is unconstitutional in that it sets aside the principle that no two departments of the government can be merged. It is alleged that the Legislature has exceeded its authority and delegated to the judiciary powers that should be exercised by the legislative body.

Mr. Frank W. Christian closed the argument for the demurrers. He spoke in the main upon the demurrer for Mrs. Dooley, but parenthetically touched upon the demurrer of the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county and assailed the constitutionality of the statute in no uncertain terms.

Technical Question.
After all, it was a purely technical question. Henrico county, claims that the statute that made the ordinance a living issue was unconstitutional; that it conferred legislative power upon the judiciary. Richmond said that the Legislature did not exceed its authority, and that it passed a law and only delegated to the judiciary the manner in which this law should be made effective.

Upon this point the eight-day argument started, and upon this point the argument ended. For there was nothing else to talk about. Here and there a bit of history was injected, and ever and anon some allusion to Richmond and her prospects was indulged in, but in the main the subject reverted to the legal issue.

If Judge Garnett sustains the demurrer, which is based chiefly on the alleged unconstitutionality of the Anderson annexation act, the case will be taken to the Supreme Court of Richmond, and be checked from offering evidence as to the advisability and feasibility of expansion. There will be nothing left for the city but a recourse to the next Legislature to have the act amended as to meet the requirements of the judiciary. Yet an appeal to the Supreme Court in this instance would settle the matter for once and for all. The constitutionality of the act would then be finally passed upon.

It may be stated that with such a verdict there would be some facilitation of the case, for the reading public would know sooner what would be done. But if Judge Garnett overrules the demurrer the case will be proceeded with on its merits, and the goal will be the general issue—whether Richmond shall expand or not.

The Real Question.
The court will then hear evidence upon every phase of the situation. The hygiene, sanitary, police and fire conditions of the territory to be annexed will be inquired into. The need for broader lines, school facilities, will be investigated and weeks may drag away while the details in the hearing of the matters of fact are gone into.

The trial judge, under the annexation act, is allowed liberal powers. He may in his discretion change the lines of the act or ordinance in such a manner as he sees fit.

And it was upon this issue that Mr. Christian spoke yesterday. His point was that in this instance the Legislature had delegated to the court a power that it really should be exercised only by the legislative department. If the court could change the boundary line as of the ordinance, then the court was exercising an authority that the Legislature should have at the beginning exercised, said Mr. Christian.

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YANKEE CLAIMS TITLE TO ESTATE KING HOLDS

Wyoming Man Wants Fortune Escheated to British Crown.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILKESBARRIE, Pa., November 16.—A fortune of \$75,000, left by Captain George Lindsay, of England, who was supposed to have died without heirs, and which has gone by process of law to King Edward, is claimed by A. L. Lindsay, of Wyoming, near here.

A month ago he saw a dispatch from London in the newspapers, telling of the death of Captain Lindsay and the fact that his fortune went to King Edward. As he claims he is first cousin of the dead man's father, he engaged lawyers here and in London to look into his claims.

He was informed to-day that there is every likelihood of his getting the fortune.

A BIG STRIKE.
All Work Suspended On Great Electric Works.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 16.—A strike which seriously affects the progress of the work of developing the great electric plant at the Whitney Narrows, on the Yadkin River, near this city, occurred yesterday afternoon, when forty-six engineers and hoisters quit work.

From one of the strikers, who came to this city this evening, it is learned that the entire plant has suspended operations, barring a few independent workmen. The employees on the Whitney works, one thousand or more in number, it is learned, had agreed among themselves to demand a standard scale of wages, which, in the case of the engineers, meant an increase of \$20 per month. This demand was refused by the employers, and the men left the plant.

The contractors on the works to-day made a counter proposition to the strikers, which was refused. A number of laborers, it is learned to-night, quit work in sympathy with the strikers.

WORK TRAIN COLLISION.
Second in a Week Between Salisbury and Spencer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 16.—The Spencer shop-train, which left this city at 7 o'clock to-night with several cars loaded with employees of the Southern at Salisbury, was wrecked one mile north of Spencer. It is learned the wreck was caused by a passenger engine running into the train, doing considerable damage to both engines. Several workmen were severely injured in the crash, among them being J. J. Evans, night engineer at the shops, and Machinist Buford, of the round-house force; Frank McCubbins, a call-boy, had one arm and several ribs broken, and it is feared, is injured internally. Operator Duke sustained severe bruises, as did a number of others. It is feared one or more may die. This was the second wreck the same train has met with this week.

Sporting Small Talk.
Battling Nelson is said to have saved \$40,000. Gus Gardner and Mike Donovan boxed at Buffalo last night.

Bob Ewing, the Cincinnati pitcher, was married Wednesday night at Toledo.

The annual six-day bicycle race will be held in Madison Square Garden the week of December 4th.

Frank Galt has a ten-weeks engagement at \$200 a week, to wrestle all corners, with a vaudeville company.

There is a possibility that Stanford (Cal.) University baseball team may go to Japan during the summer vacation and play a return game with the various universities there.

AMERICANS STORM TARTAR VILLAGES

Viceroy at Tiflis Orders Liberation of Prisoners Arrested By His Order.

(By Associated Press.)
TIFLIS, CAUCASIA, Nov. 16.—The Viceroy has ordered the liberation of all persons arrested by administrative order, and has issued a proclamation appealing to the population to utilize the granting of freedom of speech and meeting to aid in the realization of the reforms outlined in the imperial manifesto and to co-operate with the authorities in suppressing the extreme elements of the population.

In the mountains of Caucasasia the race war between the Tartars and Armenians continues. Two Tartar villages were stormed by Armenians a few days ago. Many of the Tartars were killed and their bodies were horribly mutilated, the arms, cars and houses being cut off.

Dr. S. Robert Horton spent last evening in the city with friends.

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"BLIND" ON THE STAGE, SHE IS NOW SIGHTLESS

Niece of Ex-Minister Conger, Amateur Actress, Suddenly Stricken.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DES MOINES, IOWA, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Conger Benton, niece of ex-Minister to China Edwin H. Conger, last week played the part of Bertha, the blind girl, in an amateur presentation of Dickens' "Cricket on the Hearth."

To-day, while on a shopping tour, Mrs. Benton suddenly realized that she was in darkness. She called for help and was taken home. To-night the oculists who have charge of her case announce that retina of each eye has broken and there is small hope of restoring her sight.

Mrs. Benton was a pronounced success in the role which she essayed in the play, giving which she essayed in the play, giving which she essayed in the play, giving which she essayed in the play.

Mrs. Benton is less than 25 years old, and is the wife of a prominent dentist.

South's Oldest Woman Dies at 108.

(By Associated Press.)
GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Ann Bumbelow, born 108 years ago, the oldest white woman in the South, died here yesterday. She was a native of Gwinnett county, Ga.

Tiny Watch a Useful Hint.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—To certain interviews with tedious persons. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, wears a tiny watch in the lapel of his coat. It is a hint that is not often misunderstood.

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